

ABOUT REPRESENTATIVE BASKETBALL

About the Werribee Basketball Association

The Werribee Basketball Association (WBA) is the largest non-professional sporting association in Melbourne's West. At the Werribee Basketball Association, our vision is to "Be the club of choice in Melbourne's West, providing the opportunity for everyone to participate in the game of basketball". Our goal is to grow and strengthen our basketball community, by providing development pathways that are affordable, accessible and inclusive for players, coaches and officials of all abilities.

Werribee Devils is the name for the "representative" or "championship" arm of the WBA. The junior program (Victorian Junior Basketball League) begins at Under 12 for both boys and girls and continues through to Under 20s. The senior program (Big V) includes Youth Men and Youth Women teams (Under 23), as well as the Senior Championship teams for both men and women. The Werribee Devils have been very successful at state championship level, with our junior teams winning a number of premierships over the years.

Getting Started in Representative Basketball

The nature of representative basketball is that players "represent" the Werribee area at an elite level, in addition to playing local domestic basketball. Players from all domestic clubs are welcome and encouraged to try-out for the representative program. Benefits of representative basketball include:

1. Opportunity to compete at an advanced or elite level
2. Improved basketball skills and knowledge of the game
3. Exposure to different coaches and coaching methods
4. Developing new friendships and social networks

Players are sorted by age. Age grouping for the 2017-2018 season is as follows -

- Under 12 – eligible players must not turn 12 in 2018, they are born in 2007 or later
- Under 14 – eligible players must not turn 14 in 2018, they are born in 2005 or 2006
- Under 16 – eligible players must not turn 16 in 2018, they are born in 2003 or 2004
- Under 18 – eligible players must not turn 18 in 2018, they are born in 2001 or 2002

Differences between Representative Basketball and Domestic Basketball

As representative basketball is highly competitive, there are increased expectations of the players to listen, learn and improve their basketball skills and knowledge. Most players enjoy this challenging environment and thrive as a result of it, however it is important to note that there is generally higher expectations and more pressure than in domestic basketball. Other important differences include:

- **No Guarantee of Selection** – Trying out for representative basketball does not mean the player is guaranteed placement in a team, and placements cannot be appealed or disputed.
- **Roles** - Players are allocated specific roles in the team based on their size, their abilities and the size and abilities of the other players in the team, therefore they often don't have the opportunity to play in all positions (e.g. point guard, forward, centre) in a game situation.
- **Court Time** – Players are not rotated evenly as is often the case in domestic. Players will have more or less time on court during the game, depending on a number of factors including skill level, match-up to opposition players, participation and attendance at training, and performance on the night.

Commitment Required

Representative basketball is a year-long commitment:

- Tryouts are generally held for 3 weeks from the last weekend of the Term 3 school holidays. Teams are then selected by the head coaches and team coaches.
- October to February (minus a break on the school holidays) is practice games, pre-grading and grading where teams play each other on a Friday night in order to determine the appropriate competition grade for each team.
- March to July (excluding school holidays) is the competition season, where teams alternate playing home and away on Friday night, travelling around metropolitan Melbourne and beyond.
- August is when the finals series is played to determine the winner at each level of the competition. Again, travel to different locations is required.

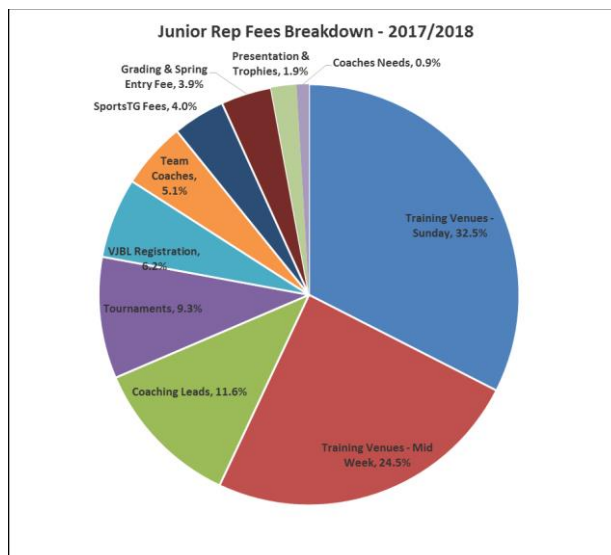
All players and their parents/guardians must be prepared to meet the following commitments:

1. Weekly Commitments:
 - a. 1 Friday night game, generally alternating home/away on alternate weeks
 - b. 1 Sunday morning training, generally between 8am and 11am every week
 - c. 1 Mid-Week training in the evening, generally between 6pm and 9pm
2. Tournament Weekends (All are compulsory)
 - a. Werribee/Frankston/Knox Tournament on Melbourne Cup Weekend in November
 - b. Eltham/Dandenong Tournament on Australia Day Weekend in January
 - c. Nunawading or Victorian Classic Tournament on Queens Birthday Weekend in June
3. Domestic Commitments:
 - a. All players participating in representative basketball are required to also play domestic basketball at Werribee. Exemptions apply in certain circumstances (refer WBA website).
4. General Commitments:
 - a. All players, coaches, parents and spectators must agree to abide by the Code of Conduct.

Costs of Representative Basketball

Season fees can be paid in installments, or paid in full up front at a discounted “early bird” rate. Direct debit payment plans are also available for those wishing to spread their payments over a longer period. The costs per player for the 2017-2018 season are as follows:

- **Season Fees** of \$590 per player (\$570 early bird rate), which covers:
 - Sunday morning training costs
 - Mid-week training court hire
 - VJBL Team Registration
 - VJBL Grading Fees
 - Tournament entry for Australia Day and Queens Birthday weekend tournaments
 - Head Coach & Team Coach costs
 - Trophy and presentation costs
 - *Plus* an exclusive merchandise item!
- **Weekly Costs:**
 - \$10 per player for team sheet fee, end of year break-up & coach thankyou gift
 - \$3 per player and spectator to attend Friday night VJBL games.
 - \$2 per player for Eagle Stadium entry for Mid-Week Training*
- **Uniform Costs (new players):** \$324 (includes 10% package discount) for new player starter kit.



Note:

- From 1 October 2017, the WBA is registered for GST. All prices shown are GST inclusive.
- Player fees for 2017/2018 are \$30 higher than last year, primarily due to GST and court hire increases.
- Eagle Stadium entry on Sunday morning is free, saving around \$70 per player for the season.

Due Dates for Payment of Season Fees	Amount	Due By
Commitment Fee to confirm acceptance of position in team (non-refundable, non-transferable)	\$50	Tuesday 28 th Nov 2017
Plus choose one of the following:		
• Early Bird Discounted Fees	\$520	Tuesday 28 th Nov 2017
OR		
• 1 st Instalment, AND	\$270	Tuesday 28 th Nov 2017
• 2 nd Instalment	\$270	Tuesday 27 th Feb 2018
OR		
• Monthly Direct Debit (from cheque or savings account)	5 x \$108	Monthly payments

More Information

For more information, refer to the Parent & Player Handbook at www.werribeebasketball.com. Fee enquiries can be directed to Executive Treasurer – Kirsty Dolny (kdolny.wba@gmail.com). For all other enquiries, contact Player & Coach Development Manager – Reece Potter (reece.potter@werribeebasketball.com).